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Utrők Atoll Local Government Whole Body Counter Dedication



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On behalf of the Uträk Community, the Iroijlaplap Hermios, Senator Yamamura, Mayor Saul, and the Uträk Atoll Local Government cordially invite you to the dedication of Whole Body Counter.

Contact person: Mayor Saul: 625-0669/4283

Date: Saturday, July 19, 2003

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Department of Energy Office

Delap, Majuro Marshall Islands

Direction: Located across the ELM Motors, Delap

Right after the opening ceremony, you will have a chance to check the level of radiation in your body.







Utrõk Atoll Whole Body Counter Dedication July 19, 2003 4:00 pm

1. Emcee	Mcavoy Espern
2. Opening Prayer	. Rev. Tarbwij Charley United Church of Christ
3. Utrõk Anthem	Utrõk Protestant Youth for Christ
4. Welcoming Remark by	Iroijlaplap Remios Hermios
5. Special Remark by	Iroij-edrik Brejin-Charley Abalos Kias
6. Remark by	Dr. Terry Hamilton, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory
7. Song	Utrõk Assembly of God
8. Remark by	Mr. Bill Jackson Manager Field Operations, US Department of Energy
9. Remark by	H.E. Michael J. Senko US Ambassador to the RMI
10. Song	Utrõk Assembly of God
11. Remark by	H.E. Kessai H. Note President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
12. Remark by	Honorable Joe Saul Mayor Utrõk Atoll Local Government
13. Song	Utrõk Protestant Youth for Christ
14. Remark by	Honorable Hiroshi V. Yamamura Senator Utrõk Atoll
15. Closing Prayer	Rev. Lalimo Lalimo Assembly of God
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SPEECH OF AMBASSADOR MICHAEL J. SENKO AT WBC DEDICATION, MAJURO, 7/19/03

I am pleased to be here today as I consider an important part of my job to be helping to fulfill US responsibilities and promises to help the Marshallese affected by the nuclear testing program.

Today is another milestone in the US, and particularly the Department of Energy's, relationship with the people of Utrik. It is the culmination of our promise, made in a Memorandum of Understanding over year ago, to provide the Utrikese a whose body counter.

This chair, like the other whole body counters in the Marshall Islands, is state-of-the-art scientific equipment, and will aid the Department of Energy in carry out the radiation monitoring promised by the United States. Two more Marshallese have been trained at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories to operate the chair, and I congratulate them on their fine work.

I want to compliment the Utrik local government for its contribution to the nation, because while the chair is installed at the behest of the Utrik community, I understand that it will be made available to other Marshallese citizens until such time as Utrik's infrastructure is developed to the point where it can be relocated there.

I also want to recognize the role the national government played in bringing this program to fruition. The efforts and leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Marshallese Embassy in Washington were key in moving this program along, and are another reflection of the government's energetic commitment to assist the communities affected by the nuclear testing program.

Finally, I want to recognize the efforts of Bill Jackson, Bobo Aliven and Lance Yamaquchi, whose work, dedication, and humanity over many years merit our thanks.

So, on behalf of the people of the United States, I join you in today's dedication, with the hope and expectation that this chair will serve the community well. Kommol Data.

BILL JACKSON'S REMARKS AT DEDICATION OF WHOLE-BODY COUNTER, AT MAJURO, MARSHALL ISLANDS, JULY 19, 2003

PRESIDENT NOTE, FIRST LADY, ELECTED LEADERS AND OFFICIALS OF THE GRMI, TRADITIONAL LEADERS OF MAJURO AND OF OTHER ATOLLS PRESENT TODAY, SENATOR YAMAMURA, MAYOR SAUL, AND THE UTROK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE, AS WELL AS OTHER GUESTS: YOKWE KOM (I.E., GREETINGS TO ALL OF YOU).

- 1. IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND BE HERE AT THIS VERY SPECIAL OCCASION TODAY.
- 2. FIRST OF ALL, I BRING TO YOU ALL IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE FROM THE FOUR ATOLLS, THE WARM, BEST WISHES FROM THE DOE'S NEW DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, MR. RICK JONES, AND FROM HIS PRINICPAL, OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, INCLUDING THE MARSHALL ISLANDS PROGRAM, DR. HARRY PETTENGILL. THESE TWO, DOE OFFICIALS WERE FIRST INVOLVED IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS PROGRAM THIRTEEN YEARS AGO WHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IT WAS TRANSFERRED FROM OUR NEVADA OPERATIONS OFFICE TO THE DOE HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BOTH OF THEM HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE PROGRAM AND ARE PLEASED TO BE RE-ASSOCIATED WITH IT AGAIN. THEIR RECONNECTION TO THE PROGRAM JUST HAPPENED MONDAY OF THIS WEEK AND THEREFORE, BECAUSE OF DUTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE CHANGES AT DOE, THEY COULD NOT BE WITH US TODAY. THEY ASKED ME TO CONVEY THEIR REGRETS AT NOT BEING HERE AT THIS TIME.
- 3. AS A LONG TIME DOE WORKER IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND AS AN OLD FRIEND, IN PARTICULAR, OF UTROK AND ITS PEOPLE, I AM DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE DEDICATION OF THIS FINE, NEW FACILITY. I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY THAT AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF PLANNING AND EFFORT, HAND IN HAND WITH THE UTROK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE REACHED THIS MOMENTOUS POINT. I CAN NOW PROUDLY SAY WE HAVE RE-STARTED THE WHOLE BODY COUNTING PROGRAM FOR THE UTROK PEOPLE. NOTICE THAT I SAID, "RE-STARTED". AS MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY WILL RECALL, IT HAS BEEN OVER A DOZEN YEARS SINCE THE GOOD SHIP, *LIKTANUR RUO*, DROPPED ANCHOR IN UTROK LAGOON, AND ELSEWHERE, TO DO WHOLE BODY COUNTING OF YOU, ON BOARD THE VESSEL. WELL, PEOPLE OF UTROK, AND

- CITIZENS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS: DOE IS 'BACK IN BUSINESS' AGAIN FOR THE WHOLE BODY COUNTING OF YOU!
- 4. THIS IS ALSO WELCOME GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE HERE IN MAJURO BECAUSE, DUE TO UTROK'S GENEROSITY AND WILLINGNESS TO SHARE THIS VALUABLE, SCIENTIFIC RESOURCE, ANYONE HERE CAN CALL AND BE SCHEDULED FOR THEIR WHOLE BODY COUNT AND LEARN ABOUT WHAT RADIATION THEY MAY HAVE IN THEIR BODIES, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE FROM AND FROM WHATEVER ISLAND.
- 5. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE WHOLE BODY COUNTED. YOU KNOW, FOR MOST PEOPLE IN MY COUNTRY, WHEN YOU ASK SOMEONE 'TO BE COUNTED', YOU USUALLY MEAN FOR THAT PERSON TO TAKE PART IN THE POPULATION CENSUS. OTHERS, WHO ARE MORE POLITICALLY-MINDED, THINK IT SHOULD REFER TO VOTING, OR THE IMPORTANCE OF CASTING A VOTE. WELL, HERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, 'TO BE COUNTED' TAKES ON A VERY SPECIAL AND UNIQUE MEANING: "BE COUNTED" SO YOU WILL KNOW THE RADIATION LEVEL IN YOUR BODY. DOING THAT CAN GIVE YOU IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR FEELINGS OF SAFETY AND WELL-BEING.
- 6. I THANK YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO ALL MARSHALLESE...FROM AGES FIVE TO ONE-HUNDRED AND FIVE...TO COME IN AND "BE COUNTED"... BY WHOLE BODY COUNTING, OF COURSE, WHILE HERE IN MAJURO!

Whole body counting chair dedication/appreciation ceremony - Majuro, Marshall Islands on Saturday, July 19, 2003 at 4:00pm.

DOE was pleased with the support from Bechtel Nevada and will follow up with an official letter of appreciation.

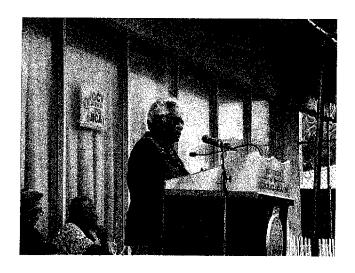
Sequence of events:



Opening - Emcee Mcavoy Espern from the Utrok Local Government



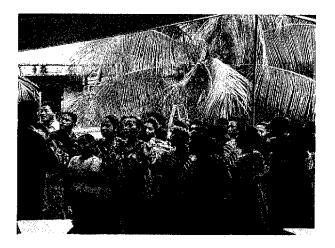
Utrok Anthem by the Utrok Protestant Youth for Christ Choir



Welcoming Remark by - Iroijlaplap Remios Hermios



 $Remarks\ by-Dr.\ Terry\ Hamilton/LLNL$



Song - Utrok Assembly of God Choir



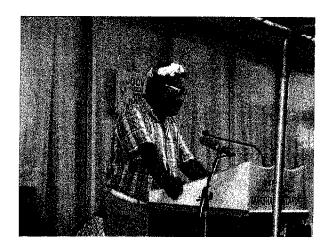
Remarks by -Mr. William Jackson (DOE/EH)



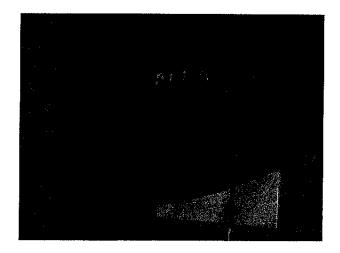
Remarks by - H.E. Michael J. Senko



Remarks by - Chief Secretary Mr. Philip Kabua (RMI)



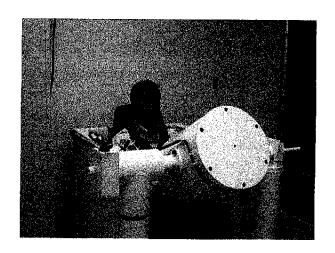
Remarks by - Mr. Wilson Compass (Utrok Local Government) for Mayor Joe Saul



Remarks by - Utrok Senator Hiroshi Yamamura



Ribbon Cutting - First Lady Mary Note



1st WBC Volunteer – President Kesai Note



Iroijlaplap Hermios/H.E. Michael Senko/First Lady Note/President Note



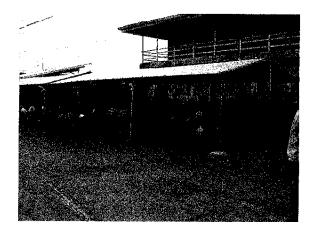
Dr. Hamilton/President Note/Mr. Jackson (Whole Body Counter)



Mr. Jackson/Senator Yamamura/Dr. Hamilton/Utrok Guests



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